

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of January 11, 2008.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

The Office Action

In the specification, the disclosure was objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Also, the Cross Reference section was objected to because it contains blank spaces.

In the claims, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mandal et al. U.S. Patent No. 7,043,738 (hereinafter "Mandal").

Claims 4, 5, and 13-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 6-12 have been canceled. Claims 13-15 have been added and claim 4 has been amended.

Applicants' Response

With regard to the objection of the specification, the specification is currently amended to delete the references to a hyperlink in paragraph 93. In addition, paragraph 2 has been amended to include the appropriate patent application numbers. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw these grounds for objecting to the specification.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-12 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, under 35 U.S.C. § 101, the Applicants are presently submitting new independent claim 13, and new dependent claims 14 and 15. Originally submitted claims 4 and 5 now depend on independent claim 13.

It is believed by the Applicants that all presently pending claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 101. Specifically, the claims are directed to "A device model agent (DMA) provisioning method associated with a distributed image processing system including an asset managing system including asset management and service applications, a services host system including imaging device subscribable service

applications, and an imaging device wherein the asset managing system, service host system and imaging device are in network communication."

With regard to the rejection of claims 1-12 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102 by Mandal et al. (U.S. Patent Number 7,043,738), hereinafter referred to as Mandal, it is believed by the Applicants that the newly added claims are not anticipated by Mandal.

Specifically, Mandal does not disclose a DMA provisioning method, as claimed, including a distributed image processing system comprising a services host system including imaging device subscribable service applications and an imaging device. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this grounds of rejection.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all remaining claims (Claims 1-12) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(3) NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	6	- 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	- 4 =	0

☒ Applicant requests a **two (2) month extension of time**. The extension of time fee will be paid with a credit card via EFS Web.

☒ This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Jeffrey N. Zahn, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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